GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of sugar in the country is declining over a period of time;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the target, production and consumption of sugar in the country during the last three years, Year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the effective steps being taken by the Government to improve the production of sugar in the country alongwith the assistance provided to sugar mills to improve their functioning?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Production of sugar, over a period of time has not declined but has been following the cyclic path - two to three years of high production are followed by two to three years of low production. However, the long-term trendline shows increasing production.The estimated production of sugar and consumption of sugar during the last three sugar seasons (October - September) is as under:-

(Quantity in lac tons)

Sugar Season	Production	Consumption
2004-05	136	171
2005-06	193	183
2006-07	282(P)	190(P)

(P) - Provisional
Quantity released by Directorate of Sugar
A statement indicating the production of sugar state-wise during the last three seasons is enclosed. Data on consumption of sugar state-wise is not maintained.The Central Government does not fix targets of production or consumption of sugar.

(c): The Central Government is concerned with the improvement in the technical functioning of the sugar mills for which loans at concessional rate of interest are extended from the Sugar Development Fund.